



**National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Superintendent's Compendium**  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other Restrictions  
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

**Lake Mead National  
Recreation Area**

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

**Harbor defined:** For the purpose of this compendium, the term "harbor" is defined as an area containing one or more of the following facilities: marina docking and/or slips, fueling and/or sanitation pump out stations, launch ramps. Wakeless buoy lines and/or breakwater barriers extending to and including the shoreline therein designate harbor areas.

**I. 36 CFR §1.5(a)(1) - VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

*The violation of a closure, restriction or condition designated under §1.5(a) is cited under §1.5(f).*

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain activity:**

Visiting Hours

Lake Mead National Recreation Area is open 24 hours per day, with the following exceptions:

- Katherine Ranger Station is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, 7 days a week.
- Alan Bible Visitor Center is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, 7 days a week.
- Temple Bar Visitor Center, Echo Bay Visitor Center, and the Cottonwood Cove Visitor Center are open intermittently.

*Park visitor centers are open based upon personnel availability.*

- Rogers Spring (located near Echo Bay, Nevada) is open sunrise until 10:00 pm.

*The Rogers Spring pool is popular for swimming and picnicking. The Rogers Spring area is not an authorized camping area. This closure is necessary to prevent unauthorized camping, litter, and contamination of spring waters.*

- Boulder Beach is open to motor vehicles from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, and from 6:00 AM to dusk from Labor Day weekend to Memorial Day weekend. It is open to pedestrian use 24 hours a day.

*Nighttime vehicle access to the shoreline at Boulder Beach has attracted late night parties and illegal camping. Nighttime activities on the beach, such as music from car stereos and the noise of vehicle engines, create unreasonable noise for campers in Boulder Campground. This closure is necessary to maintain acceptable conditions for campers, to prevent camping in unauthorized areas, and to prevent other common violations (such as underage alcohol consumption, litter, and vehicle travel off of established routes).*

#### Closures

- Upper and Lower Gypsum Wash are closed to the use and possession of alcoholic beverages. Please see the General Regulations section, §2.35 for detailed information.
- The following areas are closed to glass beverage containers:
  1. On the beach and/or beach parking areas of Boulder Beach from the causeway south to the cliffs south of Horsepower Cove, Nevada.
  2. On the beach and/or beach parking area of the designated area for picnicking and swimming at South Telephone Cove, Arizona.
  3. All shoreline access areas beginning on the south end of Saddle Cove and running north and east along the shoreline through Government Wash.
  4. On trails and ¼ mile to either side leading west from the trailhead parking lot at mile 4.2 on U.S. 93 to Lake Mohave including the Arizona Hot springs, washes, canyons, and river trail between White Rock and Arizona Hot Springs Canyon.
  5. From shoreline access areas on Lake Mohave west through Boy Scout Canyon to the Boy Scout Canyon trailhead parking lot.
  6. From shoreline access areas on Lake Mohave west through Goldstrike Canyon to the Goldstrike Canyon trailhead parking lot.
  7. All the beach areas within the confines of the flat wake buoys of the Cottonwood Cove Harbor.

*Glass, in addition to becoming litter, can create both environmental and safety concerns. Glass containers are incompatible with the rocky shoreline of the lakes and create serious safety hazards for visitors when broken glass occurs.*

- Old Princess Cove Road, between the Katherine Mine Site Road and the new Princess Cove Road, is closed to vehicular traffic. The road may be opened at the discretion of the Superintendent or his designee in the event of an emergency or to alleviate traffic congestion on the Princess Cove, Cabin-Site, and/or Katherine Access Road.

*This section of roadway bypasses the Katherine Landing Entrance Station. This action is necessary to ensure that all visitors pass through the entrance station.*

- The operation of any vessel using an internal combustion engine as a source of propulsion is prohibited in the following Primitive areas:
  - the area known as the Gypsum Beds, which is described as Arizona T31N; R20W, portions of sections 2, 3, 10, and 11; and
  - the area known as the Virgin River inflow to Lake Mead, which is described as Nevada T36N; R68E, portions of sections 25, 26, 34, 35, and 36.

(Note: electric trolling motors, when used as the sole source of propulsion, are permitted in designated Primitive areas).

*Primitive areas are managed for solitude and limited evidence of human impact on the landscape. Low watercraft speeds will preserve the areas' tranquil qualities. Noise levels will be low. Prohibiting internal combustion engines and allowing electric trolling motors are necessary to achieve this setting.*

- Operation of a vessel using an internal combustion engine in excess of 65 horsepower is prohibited in Black Canyon, from the Willow Beach harbor to Hoover Dam, during the designated Semi-Primitive period from the first Tuesday following Labor Day weekend through Friday of Memorial Day weekend.

*Semi-primitive areas are managed for a sense of peace and quiet, with some expectation of solitude. Noise levels will be low. High-speed watercraft recreation is not consistent with these management goals. A 65 horsepower maximum is necessary to achieve this recreational setting, while allowing for adequate power to maintain headway and provide for safe steering in river currents.*

- All motorized vessels are prohibited in Black Canyon, from the Willow Beach harbor to Hoover Dam, on Sundays and Mondays year round.

*Primitive areas are managed for solitude and limited evidence of human impact on the landscape. Low watercraft speeds will preserve the areas' tranquil qualities. Noise levels will be low. Prohibiting internal combustion engines and allowing electric trolling motors are necessary to achieve this setting.*

- The following areas are closed to all shooting, public hunting, trapping, and the possession of loaded weapons for reasons of public safety:
  1. All lands and waters within a one-mile radius of: Overton Beach; Redstone Picnic Area; Rogers Spring; Stewarts Point, Echo Bay; Eldorado Canyon; Cottonwood Cove; Willow Beach; Kingman Wash; Bonelli Landing; Temple Bar; Gregg's Hideout; South Cove; Pearce Ferry; and the petroglyph section of Grapevine Canyon located in Section 24 Township 31 South, Range 65 East. For Sheep Hunters - (Note: During bighorn sheep season, closures around Gregg's Hideout and Kingman Wash are reduced to one-half (1/2) mile).
  2. Boulder Basin - All lands and waters within the Nevada portion of the lower or Boulder Basin. This shall include all of the area from Hoover Dam to a north-south line near the peninsula lying between Hamblin Bay and Rotary Cove. Complete townships or portions thereof located within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area that are included within this closure zone are all in the Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian as follows:
    - Township 20 South, Range 63 East
    - Township 20 South, Range 64 East
    - Township 20 South, Range 65 East
    - Township 21 South, Range 66 East, Section 6, 7 & 18
    - Township 21 South, Range 63 East
    - Township 21 South, Range 63 1/2 East
    - Township 21 South, Range 64 East
    - Township 21 South, Range 65 East
    - Township 22 South, Range 64 East
    - Township 22 South, Range 65 East
  3. Black Canyon - All lands and waters within a one-half (1/2) mile strip parallel to the Arizona/Nevada state line and running from Willow Beach to the Hoover Dam security zone.

Note: For Bighorn sheep hunters only, during bighorn sheep season, the closure is:

- Reduced to one-fourth mile north and south of Arizona Hot Springs.
- Willow Beach closure is modified (see Backcountry Management Plan) on the south side to accommodate hunters on the slopes of Big Nasty.
- Water closure remains in effect.

4. Katherine Landing, Arizona - All lands and waters within the National Recreation Area boundaries as described:

- Township 21 North, Range 21 West, Section 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, and the West ½ of Sections 17, 20, and 30.
- Township 21 North, Range 22 West, Sections 1, 12, and 13.
- Township 22 North, Range 22 West, Sections 25, 36, and 24, that portion lying south of the 500-kV powerline.

5. Katherine Landing, Nevada - All lands and waters commencing at the Arizona/Nevada line at the power line crossing then west to a point on the north section line of Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 66 East, 1/2 mile west of the shoreline of Lake Mohave, then south maintaining a distance of one-half mile west of the shoreline to the southern boundary.

All no hunting zones are depicted on map number NRA-IM-2405, August 1996, copies of which are on file at all Ranger Stations and at Park Headquarters.

- The consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a person operating a vessel is prohibited.

*Boating is a potentially hazardous activity. Operators of vessels must devote full time and attention to boating. Alcohol impairment by boat operators directly affects safe boat operation, and alcohol impairment is a known factor in boating accidents, injuries and fatalities at Lake Mead NRA.*

- Saddle Island, Lake Mead (near Lake Mead Marina):
  - The Alfred Merritt Smith Water Treatment Facility at Saddle Island near Boulder Beach, Lake Mead, is closed to all fishing, hiking, and other land-based uses. The closed area extends from the southernmost tip of Saddle Island to approximately 4-1/2 miles north on each side of the island. The closed includes the interior portion of the island, the water areas surrounding the intake systems, all pumping facilities, and the Alfred Merritt Smith Water Treatment Facility immediately west of Saddle Island.
  - The Basic Water Company intake tower on the southwest side of Saddle Island is closed to all non-authorized personnel and vessels. This closure includes the tower and all waters within a 100 feet of it. Vessels and people are prohibited from fastening to buoys that designate this closure area.

*These lands, structures and facilities are ordered in the interest of public safety and security.*

**(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:**

Camping Areas:

- Please refer to §2.10 for detailed camping area designations.

Hemenway Fishing Point:

- Hemenway Fishing Point is designated for shoreline fishing only. All other water-oriented activities, such as boating, fishing from vessels and floating devices, swimming, snorkeling, and SCUBA diving, are prohibited in this area. Hemenway Fishing Point is bounded on the south by Hemenway Harbor, and bounded on the north by personal watercraft beach. The water area of Hemenway Fishing Point shall be clearly marked by buoys indicating the restriction area. In order to be considered wading, a person fishing must be standing with their feet on the bottom and not capable of free flotation through the use of any device.

*There are very few areas in the Boulder Basin where fisherman can drive near the shoreline and fish. The Hemenway Fishing Point consists of less than ¼ mile of shoreline in an area of nearly 2 miles of shoreline open to boating, swimming and other activities. Entrance of boats into this area has resulted in cut fishing lines, fouled propellers, and conflicts between users. This order helps prevent conflicts between boaters and fisherman.*

#### Boulder Beach SCUBA Dive Area:

- Fishing from vessels, float tubes and other floating devices is prohibited in Boulder Beach SCUBA Dive Area. Fisherman shall not interfere with, annoy, or endanger any person in the water or boats supporting dive operations.

*The primary purpose of the dive area is for SCUBA diving and directly related activities. Shoreline fishing is permitted as long as it does not interfere with dive activities. Casting and trolling hooks in open water (away from shore) and monofilament fishing line create a hazardous situation for divers and support vessels. Vessels engaged in fishing may also restrict or impede support boats from accessing divers in the water.*

#### **The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:**

##### Backcountry Use:

- Use of the backcountry within Lake Mead National Recreation Area shall be governed by the stipulations set forth in the Backcountry Management Plan, copies of which are on file at the Headquarters Office located at 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, Nevada 89005, and at each Ranger Station located within the recreation area.

##### Boating:

- After December 31, 2012, no one may operate a vessel that does not meet the 2006 emission standards set by EPA for the manufacturing of two-stroke engines. A person operating a vessel that meets the EPA 2006 emission standards through the use of direct-injection two-stroke or four-stroke engines, or the equivalent thereof, is not subject to this prohibition.

*Carburetor two-stroke engines have been shown to discharge as much as 30% of their fuel directly into lake waters. These emissions have the potential to adversely affect water quality, the health of people, and aquatic organisms.*

- Operation of a vessel at a speed in excess of flat wake speed within 200 feet of any beach occupied by bathers, boats at the shoreline, or persons in the water or at the shoreline is prohibited.

*Operation of a boat near the shoreline can be hazardous to people in the water or at the shoreline and boats at the shoreline. Operators are responsible for the damage their boat causes including wakes. State boating laws vary on distances at which boats need to be operated at flat wake speed. This rule standardizes the area where boats need to be operated at flat wake speed for Lakes Mead and Mohave.*

- All occupants of hand-propelled craft operating between Hoover Dam and Mile 43 on Lake Mohave are required to wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) when underway.

*The area indicated in this restriction is popular for the use of hand-powered watercraft. The waterway in this area can change quickly from flat, calm water to a strong river current with rapids. Water temperatures are cold (in the low 50s° F) year round. The occupants of hand-powered craft are typically not prepared for strong currents and cold water temperatures, nor are they prepared for immersion and re-boarding their craft, or swimming to shore. In addition, vessel traffic can be congested in narrow canyons. Dues to these hazards, this restriction is necessary to ensure the safety of all vessel occupants.*

- All vessels and devices capable of flotation or of transporting a person through the water (including sailboards and kite "surfboards") must be equipped with a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) of a wearable type for each person aboard or being transported. Using, or permitting to be used, a vessel that is not so equipped is prohibited. Each PFD must be serviceable, readily accessible, and of the proper size for the person intended. This requirement shall not apply to devices being used along the shoreline in a manner typical of recreational swimming, however this

requirement shall apply when such swimming devices are used in a manner that causes them to be away from shore and in company with other vessels. This requirement does not authorize the use of any device in an area from which it is excluded by other regulation.

*The primary preventable factor in drownings is failure to wear a PFD. Many unexpected factors can cause persons to become separated from their vessel or mode of transportation. Storms, winds, and accidents may occur at any time at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and the possibility of being separated from ones boat is real. For the safety of the general boating public this order is issued.*

- Operation of a vessel above flat wake speed is prohibited in designated Semi-Primitive areas on Lake Mead, as defined in the Lake Management Plan, and indicated as follows:
  - in the area known as Grand Wash Bay, which is described as Arizona T33N; R16W, portions of sections 16, 17, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 33, and 34, and T331/2; R16W portions of sections 32 and 33; and
  - in the area known as Bonelli Bay, which is described as Arizona T31N; R20W, portions of sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 30.
  - in the area known as the Muddy River inflow to Lake Mead (Overton Wildlife Management Area), which is described as Nevada T16S; R68E, portions of sections 28, 29, 32, 33 and 34, and T17; R68E.

*Semi-primitive areas are managed for a sense of peace and quiet, with some expectation of solitude. Noise levels will be low. This area is specifically managed for a non-motorized watercraft experience on during selected periods. Prohibiting all forms of mechanical propulsion will promote the Black Canyon as a premier primitive experience.*

- Please refer to §3.6 for detailed vessel size and length designations.

#### Buoy Courses:

- Use of temporary buoys for water ski “slalom” courses or personal watercraft courses, uniform sailing regattas, or similar uses, is permitted subject to the following conditions:
  1. The area where the buoys are to be placed must meet the following conditions:
    - a. Must be outside the developed area as defined in the backcountry management plan.
    - b. Must not interfere with normal “point-to-point” boat traffic.
    - c. Must be in an area large enough that the course is a minimum 100 feet from any shore and a minimum 500 feet from any beach frequented by bathers.
  2. The placing of the buoy course may not, in any way, pre-empt the use of water or shoreline area already in use by other recreational users.
  3. The buoys may not be left in place overnight.
  4. The use of any buoy course must be recreational and no competitive event is permitted unless authorized by Special Use Permit.
  5. There will be no more than one powerboat permitted on a buoy course at any given time.
  6. The maximum number of turns defined by buoys in any given course is limited to 6.
  7. All Federal and State regulations must be obeyed.

*The use of Lake Mead National Recreation Area for water ski “slalom” courses, personal watercraft courses, uniform sailing regattas, or similar uses is appropriate. These conditions are necessary to provide for the protection of environmental values and avoid conflict among other visitor uses.*

#### Bus Idling:

- Commercial tour or transportation buses that are not occupied by passengers may idle for a maximum of 5 minutes in developed areas. Idling in excess of 5 minutes while unoccupied is prohibited.
- Buses occupied or partially occupied by passengers, and in the process of loading or unloading passengers, may not idle for periods longer than 15 minutes.

*Idling diesel engines produce noise and noxious fumes, which adversely affect visitor health and visitor experience. These restrictions protect and enhance visitor experience, promote better air quality, and yet enable bus operators to heat and cool bus interiors for passenger comfort.*

#### Fishing:

- Docks designated for fishing access are primarily to accommodate physically challenged fishermen. All other fishermen are prohibited from interfering with the use of fishing docks by physically challenged fishermen.

*Physically challenged fishermen have difficulty fishing from shore. Physically challenged fishermen have very few areas that they can access safely without assistance from others. Docks provide physically challenged fishermen safe and secure access to the water for fishing. This order grants physically challenged fishermen priority of use over fishermen who have no physical limitations.*

- Fishing is prohibited in harbors, in or from marinas, from boats moored within marinas, and in mooring areas. Fishing may be permitted within harbors when posted by appropriate signs. The Willow Beach Harbor for the purpose of this order is defined as that area within the confines of the flat wake buoys extending from the Arizona shoreline to a point approximately 3/4 of the distance to the Nevada shoreline.

*Fishing in harbors and mooring areas creates conflict and adds to congestion. Fairways and water areas within harbors must remain clear of obstructions and nuisances, so as to allow unimpaired navigation in all conditions. Docks that are provided solely for boater access and mooring must remain free of other uses. In congested areas, the casting of hooks poses a safety hazard.*

#### Low-speed Vehicles:

- Golf Carts meeting applicable state and federal standards are considered motor vehicles, and may be operated in limited areas within each developed area by licensed drivers. A "Golf cart" is defined as a motor vehicle that has not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, has an unladed weight of less than one thousand eight hundred pounds, is designed to be and is operated at not more than twenty-five miles per hour, is designed to carry not more than four persons including the driver).
  - Operating a golf cart not in accordance with state and federal motor vehicle laws is prohibited.
  - Operating a golf cart outside of designated areas is prohibited. Maps of designated areas are available in all developed areas. It is the operator's responsibility to know the designated operating areas.

*Golf carts have increasingly become a common mode of conveyance within developed areas of Lake Mead National Recreation Area. This order is issued to provide guidance to golf cart operators, to increase the level of safety to those operators, and to provide greater protection of the resource*

- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles that conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in 49 CFR 571.500, and which are licensed and insured, may be operated on park roads with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less. Operation of a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle on roadways with posted speed limits in excess of 35 MPH is prohibited, except to cross such a roadway at an intersection.

*Neighborhood Electric Vehicles offer a low- or no-emission alternative for local transportation within developed areas. However, low speed vehicles create a hazard to occupants and to other motorists when operated on roads with higher speed limits. This order is issued to enhance the safety of the motoring public.*

#### Scavenging:

- Removing material from trash or garbage containers is prohibited.

*While the National Park Service lauds and encourages individual recycling efforts, rummaging through trash containers for the purpose of salvaging any materials deemed useful, either for*

*personal use or monetary reward, constitutes economic gain and is not a legitimate recreational activity for which the area was established. Further, such efforts result in the scattering of trash, disruption to other visitors, and unsanitary conditions.*

Waterskiing:

- A bright orange or bright red square or rectangular flag, each side no less than 12 inches in length, shall be displayed when a skier is down and in the water. The term 'skier' shall include all persons being towed behind a vessel regardless of the type of towed device, including water ski, inflatable tube, knee board, etc.

*Persons in the water are difficult to observe by boaters. A ski flag warns other boaters of the person's presence, and notifies them to use caution. This condition is a necessary safety requirement for all vessels towing skiers.*



II. **36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

**(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:**

- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net.
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals).
- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
  - Camping permit required in developed campgrounds. Please refer to General Regulations section, §2.23 *Fees*.
  - See General Regulations section, §2.10, for additional camping information.
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
  - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
  - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
  - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
  - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
  - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71.10):
  - Fishing Tournaments.
  - Boat races or regattas.
  - Other Special Events.
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives:
  - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
  - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printer matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
  - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Director)
  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation

- §3.3 Vessel use permit (vessel *Lake Use Pass*)
- §4.11(a) Vehicles exceeding load, weight and size limits (see section III, §4.10).
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution).
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
  - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
  - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available).
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
- §7.48(c) Parking motor vehicles and trailers in excess of 7 days.
- §7.48(f) Exemption from vessel noise level limitations in marine regattas or races.
- §9.15 Use of park roads by commercial vehicles:
  - (a)(1) In addition to a permit fee (\$100 minimum), a fee of \$0.03 per ton mile will be charged for each commercial load of hard rock minerals, oil or gas transported over park roads related to mining.

### **III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:**

- Driftwood may be collected from below the high waterline and used in campfires within the recreation area.
- Dead and downed wood, on the ground, may be collected and used for campfires on the Shivwits Plateau.

#### **36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS**

**(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:**

- In areas open to hunting, during a legal hunt period, and in accordance with state law. (For additional information, see 36 CFR §2.2; 36 CFR §2.4; Nevada state hunting regulations; and Arizona state hunting regulations,).

#### **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

**(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:**

- Camping within Lake Mead National Recreation Area is limited to 90 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period. Camping in excess of 90 days is considered to be residency, except in marinas and trailer villages; see 3(a) and (b) below.
- Backcountry camping is permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Backcountry Management Plan as modified in this document as follows:
  - (a) Camping is limited to a maximum of:
    - 7 days: Telephone Cove, Arizona, and Telephone Cove, Nevada (Lake Mohave).
    - 15 days: All other backcountry or beach camping areas.
  - (b) Campers must move to another camp area at least one-half mile away for a minimum of 15 days before returning to the same camp area.
  - (c) Vehicle camping is permitted in designated camp areas only. Those areas are identified in the Backcountry Management Plan, on the park's approved road map and on-site with the approved camping symbol sign.
  - (d) Vehicle camping is permitted ONLY in designated campgrounds within the area commonly referred to as Boulder Basin, and defined as all land areas north of U.S. 93 and west of a line drawn from Promontory Point north to Roadrunner Cove. For the purposes of this section, Government Wash is a designated undeveloped camping area.
  - (e) Backpack and horseback camping is not permitted within one-half mile of any designated roadway except at designated campsites.
  - (f) The following areas are added to the list of designated backcountry campsites:
    - Burro Wash
    - Bighorn Cove
    - Horse Thief Canyon
    - Cranes Nest Wash
    - 2 B's Mine
    - Old U.S. 93 Road at mile 12 (north of Willow Beach)
    - Fire Mountain Wash
    - Walker Bay
    - Scanlon Hill

- Yucca Camp
- Lonesome Wash
- A vessel may not be used for overnight stays for more than 15 days within any 30-day period while moored at a marina or buoy within a harbor.
- A vessel may not be used for overnight stays for more than 120 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period. Any time in excess of 120 days is considered to be residency.
- Camping at developed campgrounds is permitted as follows:
  - One camping unit, i.e., motorhome or camp trailer. (A maximum of two motorized vehicles, four motorcycles or combination thereof if towed or carried on or by a camper may occupy a site).
  - Motor vehicles and trailers must be parked in designated areas at each site. Park Rangers have the authority to require campers to move excess vehicles to a site designated by the Ranger.
  - Maximum of eight (8) persons may occupy one site.
  - Camping Limit is 30 days all campgrounds, except:
    - 15 days in the lower Cottonwood Cove Campground from September 30 to April 15.
- Trailer Villages:
  - Occupancy of a trailer within a concessioner-operated long-term trailer village is limited to 180 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period. Occupancy in excess of 180 days is considered to be residency and is prohibited.
  - Short Term - Occupancy of a recreational vehicle (RV) in a concessioner-operated short term village is limited to 90 days unless there is no waiting list for these sites, in which case occupancy is limited to 180 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period.
- Refer to 36 CFR 2.10 for further information about camping and food storage.

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

#### **Designated Areas:**

- Fires are permitted in grills, fire rings, portable stoves, portable barbecues, and portable fireplaces within developed areas in all campgrounds and picnic areas. Except as stated above, fires are prohibited in developed areas.
- Campfires are permitted throughout the backcountry.

**(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

- Burning of garbage, refuse, or discarded materials (regardless of the physical make up of the items) is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:**

- Owners or persons having custody or control of any animal(s) will immediately remove and dispose of excrement voided by an animal(s) under their control. Excrement will be properly disposed of in trash containers.

**(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:**

- Pet owners will comply with all applicable county and state regulations pertaining to pets.
- An Annual Pet Permit from Lake Mead NRA is required for each pet.

- All pets will be inoculated per state & county regulations, and will wear tags identifying their owner.
- No more than two pets or two fish aquariums may be kept
- Breeding operations shall not be conducted on a regular basis and off-spring shall be removed from the park within a three-month period.
- Wildlife shall not be kept in violation of state or federal law.
- The keeping of exotic animals with potential to survive within Lake Mead Recreation Area should they escape is prohibited.
- The keeping of farm animals (which include but are not limited to: horses, burros, goats, or pot bellied pigs) is prohibited.
- The keeping of wild animals native to the area or unusually large or dangerous pets is also prohibited.
- Excessive noise or offensive conditions created by any pet are prohibited.

### **36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

#### **(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:**

- Horses and pack animals may be ridden or used throughout the recreation area except in picnic areas, campgrounds and;
  - Boulder Beach, along the beach from the Causeway/Dive Park south to Special Events Beach.
  - Callville Bay ¼ mile from the developed area along the beach.
  - Echo Bay ¼ mile north of the developed area to the causeway.
  - Temple Bar ¼ mile on each side of the launch ramp along the beach area.
  - Overton Beach from the concessions RV Park south along the beach to the launch ramp not including the roadway.
  - Katherine's landing along the beach in the areas known as South Telephone Cove.
  - Cottonwood Cove along the beach within the harbor limits not including the road or paved areas.
  - Willow Beach from the fish hatchery to the south parking lot not including the roadway.

### **36 CFR § 2.20 - SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, and SIMILAR DEVICES**

- The following areas are open to the use of skates, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, and similar devices:
  - All NPS and concessioner residential areas.

### **36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

#### **(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:**

- Pursuant to 36 CFR §7.48(c);
  - Vehicles or boat trailers, or vehicle/boat trailer combination, may be left unattended for periods up to 7 days, when parked in parking areas adjacent to designated boat launching sites, without written permission obtained in advance from the Superintendent.
  - Any vehicle or boat trailer or vehicle/boat trailer combinations which is left in parking areas adjacent to designated boat launching sites in excess of 7 days without written permission obtained in advance from the Superintendent may be impounded by the Superintendent.
  - Airplanes may be left unattended for periods up to 30 days at Echo Bay airstrip and Temple Bar airstrip without written permission obtained in advance from the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:**

- Entrance Fee Areas:

Lake Mead National Recreation Area currently has an Entrance Fee system that utilizes four entrance stations. Additional fee collection sites are planned. The entrance stations are at the following locations:

Boulder Beach, NV (Boulder City, NV)  
Lake Mead Drive, NV (Henderson, NV)  
Lake Mead Boulevard NV (North Las Vegas, NV)  
Katherine Landing, AZ (Bullhead City, AZ)

- Recreational Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2003:

Annual Entrance Pass (vehicle)	\$20.00
Additional Annual Entrance Pass (vehicle)	\$10.00
Annual Lake Use Pass (vessel)	\$20.00
Additional Annual Lake Use Pass (vessel)	\$10.00
National Park Service Pass	\$50.00
Holograms	\$15.00
Daily Pass (vehicle)	\$10.00
Daily Pass (Individual person)	\$ 3.00
Daily Pass (vessel) 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$10.00
Daily Pass (vessel) 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$ 5.00
Golden Age Passport	\$10.00
Golden Access Passport	\$ 0.00
Vessel with Golden Age/Access	\$ 5.00

- Commercial Tour Category:

Entry is valid for five (5) days, only for the same vehicle and the same group. Fees will be levied on vehicle capacity and are not pro-rated for those passengers who may be exempt from fees, such as, National Park Pass, Golden Access, Golden Age, Golden Eagle passport holders or those age 16 and under. This was calculated into the fees coordinated with the National Transportation Association and the National Bus Association in conjunction with national tour meetings. Commercial tour rates:

Sedan (1-6 persons)	\$25.00
Van (7-15 persons)	\$50.00
Mini-Bus (16-25 persons)	\$60.00
Motor Coach (26+ persons)	\$150.00

- Local Shuttle Service Category:

Local shuttle services are any service originating and terminating, during the same day, in either Clark County, Nevada, or Mohave County, Arizona, and staying within Clark or Mohave Counties during the entire day or service. Local shuttle service will be required to obtain an Incidental Business Permit (IBP), recognizing their qualification and classification as a local shuttle service. Only those services that complete the IBP process will be charged at the per person rate, all other will be assessed the per vehicle commercial tour rate.

- No passenger or vehicle size limits
- Flat rate per person of \$3.00
- National Parks Pass, Golden Access, Age and Eagle Passports will be honored
- Those age 16 and under enter free

- Daily Campground Use Fee Areas:

Regular per day	\$10.00
Golden Age/Access/Eagle per day	\$ 5.00
Group Use per day	\$30.00

- Special Recreation Permit Fee (Such as but not limited to, group activities, recreation events, and the use of motorized recreation vehicles):

Fishing Tournament (49 people or less):	\$50.00
Fishing Tournament (50 people or more):	\$100.00 application fee, permit fee (\$100 minimum), plus costs.
Other activities:	\$100.00 application fee, permit fee (\$100 minimum), plus costs.

### **36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:**

- Upper and Lower Gypsum Wash: In the area commonly referred to as Upper Gypsum Wash (also known as “4.2”) and Lower Gypsum Wash (also known as “4.4”) the use or possession of alcohol is prohibited.

*The proximity of this area to Henderson and Las Vegas, and easy access to the lake have made this spot popular for a variety of different uses. High cliffs (commonly used for cliff jumping) also make this an attractive location. Late-night parties, alcohol consumption, and underage drinking have contributed to visitor conflicts and safety concerns in this area. Alcohol use is frequently a factor in falling/jumping injuries and fatalities, and in drownings. Incidents of aberrant behavior related to the consumption of alcohol at this location have been of such magnitude that the diligent application of authorities in this section and §§1.5 and 2.34 of this chapter over a reasonable time period have not alleviated the problem.*

### **36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

**(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, or in the following designated areas without a permit, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:**

- The scattering of human ashes from cremation, without a permit, is allowed under the following terms and conditions:
  - The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
  - The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.
  - The scattering of remains from the air is to be performed at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.

- No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.

### **36 CFR §3.6 – BOATING OPERATIONS**

**(d)(1) Vessels may not create a wake or exceed 5 mph in the following areas:**

- Locations marked or posted with appropriate buoys or signs.

**(h) The following areas/sites are designated for the launching or recovery of vessels using a trailer:**

- Paved launch ramps are approved for launching vessels.
- At Boulder Beach, from the area known as Special Events Beach to Hemenway Harbor, designated areas will be marked and posted for launching small vessels and personal watercraft (PWC). Vehicles, boat trailers, and vehicle/boat trailer combinations may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours within this day use area (see Boulder Beach, under *Visiting Hours*, above).
- Where park Approved Roads access undeveloped areas of Lake Mead and Lake Mohave, the terminus of the Approved Road at the shoreline is designated for launching vessels. Traveling off of designated Approved Roads or outside of designated areas for the purpose of launching vessels is prohibited.

**(l) Vessels must meet the following size, length or width restrictions:**

- Private vessels over **75 feet in total length** and/or **22 feet total beam** are prohibited. For purposes of this section, total length and beam include all temporary and permanent appurtenances. Manually operated gangplanks designed for passenger boarding that retract flush with the hull when the vessel is underway will be exempted from the appurtenance clause. Total length will be determined by a straight line measurement from the foremost part of the vessel to the aftmost part of the vessel, measured end to end over the deck, and measured parallel to the centerline, with all appurtenances, (excluding gangplanks) in a fully extended position. Total beam will be determined by a straight-line measurement from the outer most sides of the vessel at its widest point with all appurtenances in a fully extended position.

Private vessels will not be allowed to be constructed on site at any location in Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Construction includes but is not limited to welding together hull parts, adding any permanent appurtenances, expanding the width or length as described above. Exemptions will be provided on a case by case basis only for commercial operations with valid concession contracts.

**Exceptions:** Any boats registered and on the waters of Lake Mead National Recreation Area prior to September 1, 2000, that exceed the described conditions will be permitted with the stipulation that no other modifications to total length or total beam may be made. Sailboat booms may exceed this standard when underway outside the harbor areas; however, must meet this standard when not under sail.

### **36 CFR §3.20 – WATER SKIING**

**(a) The towing of persons by vessels is allowed in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:**

- Towing of persons on water skis, surfboards, and similar devices by vessels is allowed on all waters within the recreational area except in areas posted or where prohibited in 3.20(b)(4) of 36 CFR.



### **36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING**

**(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:**

- Harbors, marinas, mooring areas, and launch ramps.

### **36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES**

**(a) Park roads open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):**

- Backcountry Approved Roads are identified in the Backcountry Management Plan, copies of which are on file at the Headquarters Office located at 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, Nevada 89005, and at each Ranger Station located within the recreation area.

### **36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS**

**(b)(1) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permits as noted:**

- Vehicles up to and including 102" (8-1/2') wide are permitted on park roads.
- Vehicles may not exceed state height requirements (14' in Nevada, and 13-1/2' in Arizona).
- Overall length (vehicle and any trailers) may not exceed 70 feet.
- Vehicles exceeding established size limits require a permit issued by the Superintendent, and appropriate state highway permits.